



June 10, 2013

The Honorable Gregg Harper
U.S. House of Representatives
307 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Harper;

The EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases is dedicated to accelerating biotech innovation for rare disease treatments through science-driven public policy.

We are writing to support the **Kids First Research Act of 2013 (H.R. 2019)**. This bipartisan bill would eliminate taxpayer financing of presidential campaigns and party conventions and reprogram those savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health.

During these trying fiscal times, we are pleased to see efforts that would increase funds for pediatric research. Unfortunately, pediatric rare diseases and cancer is terribly underfunded and largely overlooked by drug companies and research institutions. Public funding is essential to help spur the development of treatments for these children.

We are pleased to express our strong support for H.R. 2019, and believe this legislation will help to bring increased funding and awareness to pediatric medical research. We look forward to working with you and your staff to ensure this bill is enacted into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emil D. Kakkis".

Emil D. Kakkis, M.D., Ph.D.
President